

DECLARATION

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor, if only one name is listed below, or an original, first and joint inventor, if plural names are listed below, of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled LIGHTWEIGHT FIFTH WHEEL HITCH ASSEMBLY, the specification of which was filed on November 7, 2003 as International Application No. PCT/US2003/035409 and was filed in the United States on even date herewith.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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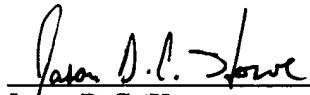
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| Art Unit | |
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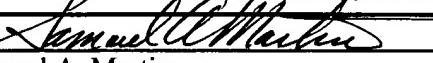
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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

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Applicant/Patent Owner: The Holland Group, Inc.

Application No./Patent No.: _____ Filed/Issue Date: _____

Entitled: **LIGHTWEIGHT FIFTH WHEEL HITCH ASSEMBLY**

The Holland Group, Inc., a Corporation
 (Name of Assignee) (Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

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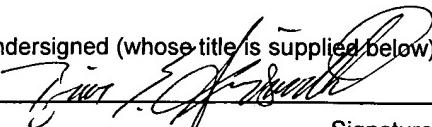
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